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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 13, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted:

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Claims 1 through 35 were pending in the Application. Claims 1 - 9, 12, 13, 18 - 30 and 35 were rejected under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,263,498 to Alcorn et al. (Alcorn). Claims 10, 11, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alcorn as applied to Claim 9 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,237,135 to Timbol. Claims 15-17 and 31-34 were rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alcorn as applied to Claim 1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,083,276 to Davidson. Applicant traverses these rejections below.

I. Traversal of the Rejection with Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131

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